

## JOINT ARTS EDUCATION CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKER

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Rob Davidson serves as Program Director for VH1 Save The Music Foundation, working with, among many others, the Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, Houston, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Philadelphia and Washington DC School Districts to advocate for and restore music education programs. Rob joins VH1 Save The Music after ten years experience in Education and Orchestra Management.

Most recently, Rob served as the Director of Education and Community Engagement with the Brooklyn Philharmonic where, during his tenure, he doubled the number of services offered for NYC public school students and brought the organization into the National music education advocacy arena. Before Brooklyn, Rob spent four years in the Education and Community Engagement Department at the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Prior to his Orchestra Management experience, Rob taught music and performed with Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA and worked with the Center for Gifted Education at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

Rob holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Music Performance from Truman State University (Kirksville, MO) and a K-12 Music Education Certification from Carnegie Mellon (Pittsburgh, PA). Rob lives in Manhattan (NYC) with his wife Kristi and two year old son, Jonah.